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1. Japanese Utility Model Application Publication No. S63-158902 (158902/1988);
2. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H11-021703;
3. U.S. Patent No. 6000247
4. Japanese Utility Mode Application No. S51-076722 (76722/1976);
5. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H07-145503;

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6. European Patent Application Publication No. 0636729;
7. U.S. Patent No. 5555832; and
8. Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H10-331002.

Document 1

Japanese Utility Model Application Publication No. S63-158902 was published on January 18, 1988 and is in the Japanese language.

Document 2

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H11-021703 was published January 26, 1999 and is in the English language.

Document 3

U.S. Patent No. 6000247, entitled "Hosiery Toe Portion and Method of Manufacturing the Same," was published December 14, 1999 and is in the English language.

Document 4

Japanese Utility Model Application No. S51-076722, was published June 17, 1976 and is in the Japanese language.

Document 5

Japanese Patent Application Publication No. H07-145503, entitled "Production of Socks and Production Machine Therefor," was published June 6, 1995 and is in the English language.

Document 6

European Patent Application Publication No. 0636729, entitled "Method for Manufacturing Hosiery Items and Knitting and Stitching Machine," was published February 1, 1995 and is in the English language.

Document 7

U.S. Patent No. 5555832, entitled "Apparatus for Manufacturing Hosiery Items and Knitting and Stitching

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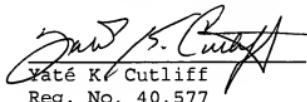
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